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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte BHANWAR SINGH, SRIKANTESWARA DAKSHINA-
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Application 10/768,515

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on February 14, 2008. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

On October 30, 2007, the Examiner responded to the Reply Brief filed on August 27, 2007. The response constitutes a Supplemental Examiner's Answer in that it was more than just an acknowledgement of the Reply Brief.

MPEP § 1207.05 states in part that “[a]ll Supplemental Examiner’s Answers are required to obtain approval of the Technology Center Director or his/her designee.” The Examiner’s response of October 30, 2007 does not comply with this requirement.

Appropriate correction is required.

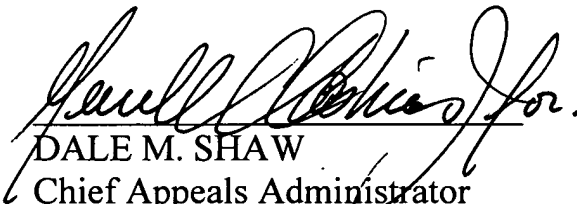
Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is electronically returned to the Examiner for the following:

- 1) to obtain the approval of the Technology Center Director or his/her designee for the Examiner’s response of October 30, 2007;
- 2) to notify Appellants of such approval; and
- 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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